has made an allocation of Rs. 4031 crores for implementation of various Plan schemes for the development of food processing industries in the Eleventh Plan. These schemes cover providing financial assistance to entrepreneurs for development of infrastructure such as Mega Food Parks, establishment of cold chain infrastructure, value added centres and packaging centres, Strategic Distribution Centre-cum-Cold Chain, schemes for setting up of food testing labs, implementation of quality systems such as HACCP, ISO 9000, promotion of research and development, capacity building and human resource development and other promotional activities. Under the Infrastructure Development Scheme, it is envisaged to give a grant of upto Rs. 10 crores for the Cold Chain.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Food Processing Industries has developed a comprehensive Cold Chain Infrastructure Scheme for Eleventh Plan for creating integrated cold chain infrastructure different levels — farm level primary processing centre-cum-cold chain, collection/ aggregation centres and Strategic Distribution Centres. The initiatives are aimed at filling the gaps in the supply chain, strengthening of cold chain infrastructure leading to overall development of food processing industries and reduction in wastages. The scheme is project oriented and not State-specific.

Assistance for food processing units

2794. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes under which assistance is given to entrepreneurs to set up food processing units in various parts of the country; and

(b) the details of the food processing units which have been opened in Himachal Pradesh, with the Central assistance, under these schemes, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Under the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Modernization/Establishment of Food Processing Industries, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) extends financial assistance to food processing units in the form of grants-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakhs in difficult areas such as Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and North Eastern States, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP Areas. In addition, under the Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, higher levels of assistance @ 50% upto Rs. 4.00 crore for setting up and Rs. 1.00 crore for Upgradation of existing fruit and vegetables processing units is allowed. The Government of India has also launched the National Horticulture Mission (NHM) for holistic development of Horticulture in the country. In addition, it is proposed to implement a Scheme for Infrastructure Development during the Eleventh Plan under which assistance will be provided for setting up of food processing units through Mega Food Parks.

(b) MFPI has provided financial assistance for setting up food processing units of fruits and vegetables such as mushroom, jam and pickles, hops, fruit juice, dehydrated fruits and vegetables processing; dairy processing; consumer items such as honey processing, bakery products such as bread, biscuits manufacturing in various districts of Himachal Pradesh. A total of 37 units have been set up with financial assistance from MFPI. This includes seven

in Solan district, six in Kangra, three in Kullu, two each in Sirmour, Mandi Bilaspur, Una, and Simla, one each in Barotiwala, Baddi, Ghajiabad, Palampur, Chamba, Hamirpur, Paonta Sahib and Nalagarh, and three in other areas during the period 1997-98 to 2007-08.

Disputes over national curriculum

† 2795. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether controversies over national curriculum have risen during the last three years;

(b) the number of schools and universities where the above incidents have taken place;

(c) in how many courts such litigations are going on;

(d) the action taken against the concerned officers, after courts decision to amend the curriculum so that recurrence of such incidents could be prevented; and

(e) if no action has been taken, the reasons herefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) This Ministry has no information on any controversy over National Curriculum Framework (NCF)-2005 in any school or university.

(c) to (e) A Writ Petition No. 735/2006 was filed by "Independent School Federation of India" in the High Court of Delhi praying for restraining NCERT from laying, framing, modifying, reviewing or implementing NCF. The petition has been disposed of through the Order dated 3.10.2007. The High Court has not issued any direction to amend the curriculum.

Availability of secondary education

† 2796. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether secondary education facility in the Secondary Schools is available to only 51.65 per cent boys in the country, at present;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether Government has taken any decision to expand this facility during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the number of additional schools to be established in every State of the country, alongwith estimated requirement; and

(e) the number of boys who would remain deprived of secondary education, in the absence of arrangement of education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As per "Selected Educational Statistics -2004-05" (with reference dated 30.9.2004), Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER)for classes IX and X (14to 16 years) for boys was 57.39%.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.